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This release is based on preliminary information obtained from a number of different sources.

Shortly after 1:00 p.m. on September 22nd, 2015 a Lincoln Police Officer stopped a vehicle near South 12th and K streets. The back seat passenger of the stopped vehicle fled on foot. The officer radioed the suspect had a gun which was confirmed by a citizen who also called 911. Other officers, deputies, and members of the Metro Fugitive Task Force [MFTF] saturated the area attempting to find the suspect. The suspect was spotted near South 14th and Lincoln Mall by a uniformed Lancaster County Deputy Sheriff. Members of the MFTF were nearby. A weapon was displayed by the suspect and shots were fired by the Deputy Sheriff and Deputy US Marshal. A handgun was found near the suspect who has been transported and is being treated for his injuries at a Lincoln Hospital. Neither the Deputy Sheriff or Deputy US Marshal were injured.

The suspect has been identified as 18 year old Tareik Artis of Lincoln.

The Lincoln Police Department is investigating the shooting with assistance from members of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

The Deputy Sheriff has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation.

UPDATED INFORMATION

The handgun found near the suspect was loaded with a round in the chamber of the firearm. A witness interviewed as part of the ongoing investigation said the suspect was pointing the handgun in the direction of the uniformed Deputy Sheriff during the incident.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is committed to seek and find ways to affirmatively promote and preserve a feeling of security and safety in members of the community.



